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# NEWS RELEASE

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## **Arrest Made in Apartment for Rent Scam**

On July 7, 2015 Beaverton Police took a report of a scam involving the renting of an apartment and linked it to three other incidents dating back to June 22, 2015. The victims would place ads on Craigslist looking for a room or apartment to rent. They were contacted by a women who identified herself as Jessica or Kelly about an available apartment.

The victims would then meet the suspect at the Country Oaks apartments located at 13795 SW Electric St. where three of the four victims were shown a vacant apartment. The victims would give the suspect anywhere from \$450.00 to \$300.00 cash and receive a key to the apartment. The problem was that the key did not work for the apartment. The victims contacted the apartment manager and discovered they had been scammed and that Jessica or Kelly did not work there.

The suspect was identified as Michelle Ann Sather 40 years of age. Sather was arrested on August 17, 2015 and lodged at the Washington County jail on three counts of burglary in the first degree and one count of theft one.

We believe that there might be more victims of this scam that have not come forward. If you recognize Michelle Sather and were a victim of this scam please call the Beaverton Police Department at (503) 629-0111 and reference case number 15-2010656



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